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Dear Friend:

I am pleased to submit comments in favor of the Department of Transportation's proposal to allow certain insulin-using diabetic drivers to obtain commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) licenses, published in the July 31 Federal Register, Docket No: 2001-9800.

The Department of Transportation's proposal to allow diabetics who meet certain conditions related to health maintenance strikes the right balance between protecting public safety and ensuring no American is unnecessarily denied an CMV license. In the twenty years since the Department of Transportation first stopped granting CMV licenses to diabetics, medical science has made great progress in helping diabetics manage their condition. Today a diabetic who can read at either grade level and is willing to invest the time and effort can preform almost any activity without posing a threat to themselves or anyone else.

In conclusion, I urge the Department of Transportation to implement the proposal to allow insulin-using diabetic users who meet certain specifications to have CMV licenses. This proposal protects public safety while ensuring no American is unfairly denied a CMV license because of a manageable health condition. Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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